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(4) whether the Government have received representations from the Adi-Dravidas of Tiruvannamalai that the vacant seat, caused by the death of Mr. Ramaswami Pillai, should be filled by an Adi-Dravida; if so, what steps the Government have taken in that direction?

A.—(1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) M.R.Ry. P. S. Pachayappa Chettiyar Avargal was nominated in the vacancy caused by the death of M.R.Ry. V. Ramaswami Pillai Avargal as no suitable Adi-Dravida was then available for nomination in the vacancy.

(3) The Government have no information.

(4) The Government did not receive any such representations for the vacancy referred to—a representation was received some time later.

Extra officers in the Secretariat.

768 Q.—The RAJA OF RAMNAD: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) the number of extra officers employed in the Secretariat after 1st April 1922 with the special nature of their work and pay and

(2) the names of officers who are as a special case allowed to draw higher pay than they would draw according to the time scale with reasons for such treatment?

A.—The information asked for is furnished in the statement appended.*

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"May I ask the hon. the Finance Member for some particulars with reference to the answers given? I wish to know whether the special pay of Rs. 200 given to Mr. B. Rama Rao is for his appointment as Deputy Secretary or whether it represents the same amount he would be drawing in the time-scale."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER:—"The special pay is for the appointment as Deputy Secretary."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"With reference to the special pay allowed to Mr. Strathie for the preparation of a pamphlet on the Excise Administration in Madras, I wish to know whether he was during this period preparing this Excise Administration report attending at the same time to his normal work. If not, I wish to know what special reason there was for the increase allowed in the pay."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER:—"Mr. Strathie was placed on special duty which involved touring to other provinces and also change of headquarters for a considerable part of the period, and he was given special pay equal to what used to be the deputation allowance of ten rupees a day."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"Again, Sir, I find a special officer appointed for the preparation of the Madras Presidency Administration Reports. I wish to know whether it was usual to allow special pay for the preparation of the Administration Reports and whether the same was done in previous years."

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The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" It used to be the practice to employ a special officer. Of late, for the last year or two we have endeavoured to save money by having the work done in the office. But that arrangement was not successful and we reverted to the previous practice."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" Sir, referring to the cases of Mr. Tottenham and Mr. R. V. Krishna Ayyar, I wish to know whether such increments to protect people from pecuniary loss when they are transferred from the mufassal to the Secretariat have been given in all cases of such transfers."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" It certainly would not be fair on the part of Government to bring officers on account of their special abilities into the Secretariat and cause them to lose money in consequence."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" My question is not answered. I wanted to know whether the practice was followed in all cases of transfers to the Secretariat from the mufassal."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" The answer is that it is not the case always. But when the Secretariat posts are so paid that it would involve a loss to officers to come to them from the mufassal, we generally make good the loss."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" Sir, may I know what pay Mr. Gopala-krishna Ayyar was drawing when he was given Rs. 750."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" As stated in the answer, Rs. 750 was the pay drawn by him while holding the temporary post of Assistant Secretary, Finance Department."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" The grade is 500—50—800. The justification for giving him Rs. 750 is that he was drawing this pay when he acted temporarily as Assistant Secretary before. I want to know what amount he was drawing in the grade when he was given Rs. 750."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" So far as I recollect, Sir, he was holding the post of a Deputy Collector with an allowance. When this post was created on the scale Rs. 500—50—800, he was given a pay which was equivalent to his permanent pay as Deputy Collector plus the allowance he was drawing."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :—" So he was given the pay plus the allowance plus something more so as to make up the figure Rs. 750."

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" No, Sir. He was given the pay plus the allowance."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—" Sir, I should ask the Finance Member to inform the Council as to whether any and what progress in the Finance Committee has been made in regard to the giving of these special allowances. Because it seems to me if this is the evidence of retrenchment by Government, the methods of retrenchment are somewhat peculiar, I should say. I should, therefore, like to know whether on this general question which was under consideration, any decision had been reached. I find all the allowances repeated in these cases. I wish to have the information from the Finance Member."

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The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—“ An exhaustive enquiry has been made, Sir, and the Retrenchment Committee have formulated their general conclusions. I hoped that we should have been able to present the final conclusions before this time, but owing to the fact that, with a view to retrenchment, we are employing the same officer as Retrenchment Secretary and as one of our representatives in the Imperial Assembly, it has not been possible to push through the work. I am hoping that he may be able to come down between the sittings of the Assembly to give us the benefit of his further conclusions which he is still working at in Delhi.”

Government assistance to repatriated Indians.

769 Q.—SAIYID MUHAMMAD PADSHA SAHIB: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether during the current official year the Government have received any communication from the Government of India regarding the assistance to be afforded by them to the Colony-returned Indians;

(b) if so, what steps the Government have taken to provide facilities for the resettlement in this province of repatriated Indians; and

(c) what the number is of such repatriated Indians for whom they have procured employment during the current official year and what the proportion is of men thus provided to those who are still in need of employment?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Commissioner of Labour is entrusted with the duty of attempting to provide repatriated Indians with employment wherever necessary. No other steps on the part of Government have been found necessary.

(c) The Government have no information as to the exact number of persons for whom employment has been procured during the current official year but no cases of repatriated Indians who are in need of employment have come to their notice.

Revision of the scheme of Government technical examinations.

770 Q.—SAIYID MUHAMMAD PADSHA SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state if and when the Committee appointed to revise the scheme of the Government Technical Examination has submitted its report?

A.—The report was submitted to Government in November last.

Ceded districts representation in the various departments.

771 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue, the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table statistics as they stood on 31st March 1922 for the Ceded districts under the following heads :—

(1) the total number of vacancies on Rs. 50 and above in the Revenue, Judicial, Educational and Police departments;

(2) the number of such vacancies filled up (a) by bona fide natives of the Ceded districts and (b) by others not coming under (a);